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SUBJ: COMMENT ON GOVGEN SPEECH TO LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

1. GOVGEN IS ACCOMPLISHED SPEAKER AND POLISHED POLITICIAN. HIS SPEECH ILLUSTRATED HIS VERSATILITY, AND COMBINED ALL FOUR STRAINS WE HAVE IDENTIFIED FROM HIS PREVIOUS PUBLIC APPEARANCES.

2. FIRST SECTION WAS DELIVERED IN CONVOLUTED LANGUAGE REMINISCENT OF SALAZAR. IT CONTAINED FAIR AMOUNT OF SELF-PRAISE, WAS PATRONIZING IN TONE AND CONTENT. NO RESPONSE DISCERNIBLE FROM UNBLINKING, OVERWHELMINGLY WHITE AUDIENCE. (FROM PERSONAL OBSERVATION COUNTED 9 NON-WHITES IN LA AND 5 OR 6 IN CB. DIFFICULT TO TELL BECAUSE TWO BODIES SAT JOINTLY. OF THOSE PRESUMABLY IN LA, 5 BLACKS, ONE OR TWO GOANS, AND OTHERS MULATTOS. LA ALSO INCLUDES ONE PRIEST AND ONE WOMAN.)

3. SECOND PART CHARACTERIZED BY TRUCULENCE AND GREAT CLARITY OF EXPRESSION. AUDIENCE (I.E., LA, CB AND LOCAL OFFICIALS) APPEARED MOVED BY GOVGEN'S DRAMATIC DELIVERY. (MEMBERS OF CONSULAR CORPS ALONE FAILED TO APPLAUD GOVGEN. CONSULAR CORPS FOR FIRST TIME AT OFFICIAL FUNCTION HERE GIVEN PLACE OF SPECIAL PROMINENCE, IMMEDIATELY BEHIND CABINET.)

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4. THIRD PART WAS SANTOS E CASTRO THE REASONABLE MAN, CONFIDENT OF ANGOLA'S FUTURE AND WILLING TO ACKNOWLEDGE REAL PROBLEMS. SAW EARLY END TO " RESTRICTIONS FRL ASPECTS OF ITS ACTIVITIES FROM STAFFING TO AWARD OF CONTRACTS. IN CONCLUSION, FONOFF OFFICIALS INDICATED THAT GOJ WOULD CONTINUE TO CONSIDER REQUESTS FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FROM UN BODIES OTHER THAN UNDP WITH POSSIBILITY OF ACCEDING TO THEM ON CASE- BY- CASE BASIS.

2. ON EARMARKING, WHICH LIES PRIMARILY IN JURISDICTION OF SEO, HEAD OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS DIV., HE SAID THAT EARMARKING OF GOJ CONTRIBUTION TO UNDP FOR LEAST- DEVELOPED COUNTRIES REPRESENTED DESIRE TO SPECIFY CONTRIBUTION TO THEM SINCE UNDP HAD NOT PAID THEM SUFFICIENT ATTENTION AND TO OBTAIN ADDITION TO GOJ UNDP CONTRIBUTION FROM MINFINANCE WHICH COULD NOT BE OBTAINED IN ANY OTHER FASHION (TOKYO 705). WHILE NOT RESPONSIVE TO EMBOFF'S DIRECT QUESTION IF GOJ WOULD REPEAT EARMARKING IN JFY 1974 BUDGET, FOR WHICH PREPARATIONS BEGIN IN EIGHT WEEKS, HE LEFT IMPRESSION THAT GOJ MAY WELL REPEAT EARMARKING.

3. ACTION REQUESTED. ONDA DID REQUEST CLARIFICATION ON TWO POINTS. HE ASKED IF USG BELIEVED THAT UN TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE UNDER PART FIVE OF UN BUDGET (SECTIONS 12, 13, AND 14) SHOULD BE CHANNELLED THROUGH UNDP. SECOND, DID USG BELIEVE THAT ALL SPECIALIZED AGENCIES' TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE SHOULD BE CHANNELLED THROUGH UNDP. HE WAS UNDER IMPRESSION THAT AGENCIES HAD CERTAIN AUTHORITY TO CARRY OUT TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE CLARIFICATION REQUESTED. INGERSOLL

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